

IN THE CLAIMS:

1 - 33 (Canceled).

34. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

an image forming apparatus; and

a scanner which is removably mounted on said image forming apparatus and includes a reading element, a motor, and a roller driven by said motor,

5 wherein said motor drives said roller ~~and thereby to~~ transports a sheet in a state with
case where said scanner is mounted on said an image forming apparatus, so that said reading
element reads the sheet, and said motor drives said roller and thereby causes said scanner to
travel and said scanner reads an original guided by said roller driven by said motor in a case
where said scanner is detached from said an image forming apparatus for use, so that; and a first
10 sheet transporting path is formed substantially vertically to guide a sheet downward on said first
sheet transporting path and said reading element reads a sheet reads said sheet in a case where
said scanner is mounted on said image forming apparatus; and said image forming apparatus
includes a second sheet transporting path extending substantially vertically to guide a sheet
downward on said second sheet transporting path; and said image forming apparatus performs
15 an image forming process for a sheet traveling along said second sheet transporting path; and
said first sheet transporting path and said second sheet transporting path are arranged adjacent
each other.

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35. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 34,

wherein a surface of said scanner on which said reading element is provided faces toward said an image forming apparatus in a case where said scanner is mounted on said an image forming apparatus; so that a sheet transporting path is ~~defined by~~ made between a surface of said an image forming apparatus which faces to said surface of said scanner; and said surface of said scanner.

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36. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 34, wherein said an image forming apparatus is a printer.

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37. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 34, wherein the moving direction of a first sheet that moves on said first sheet transporting path is formed substantially vertically to allow said reading element to read said sheet in a case where said scanner is mounted on said an image forming apparatus, said an image forming apparatus includes a second sheet transporting path extending substantially vertically, said an image forming apparatus performing a processing for a sheet traveling along said second sheet transporting path, and said first and the moving direction of a second sheet that moves on said second sheet transporting path being arranged along said second sheet transporting path: are same direction.

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38. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 34, wherein a projecting member is provided in a manner projecting at a side of on said surface of said scanner for

protecting said roller in a case where said scanner is ~~detached from said an image forming apparatus for use~~ runs independent of said image forming apparatus.

4 39. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a an image forming apparatus; and

a scanner which is removably mounted on said an image forming apparatus and includes

a reading element, and

5 a roller driven by a motor,

wherein; said motor ~~causes a sheet~~ actuates said roller to be transported transport a sheet in a case where said scanner is mounted on said an image forming apparatus, so that said reading element reads the sheet, said motor causes said scanner to travel and said scanner reads an original guided by said roller driven by said motor in a case where said scanner is detached from said an image forming apparatus for use, so that said reading element reads the sheet, wherein a surface of said scanner on which said reading element is provided faces to said an image forming apparatus in a case where said scanner is mounted on said an image forming apparatus, so that a sheet transporting path is defined by made between a surface of said an image forming apparatus which faces to said surface of said scanner, and said surface of said scanner.

40. (Canceled).

7 41. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 39⁶, wherein said an image forming apparatus is a printer.

42 - 44. (Canceled).

8 45. (Currently Amended) A scanner according to claim 43⁶ ~~32~~,
wherein a projecting member is provided ~~in a manner projecting at a side of~~ on said
surface of said scanner for protecting said roller in a case where said scanner ~~is detached from~~
~~said an image forming apparatus for use.~~ runs by itself

9 46. (Currently Amended) A scanner which is capable of being removably mounted on
an image forming apparatus, said scanner comprising:

a reading element; and

a motor; and

a roller driven by said motor.

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wherein ~~said motor causes a sheet to be transported in a case~~ wherein said motor
actuates said roller to transport a sheet in a case where said scanner is mounted on said an
image forming apparatus, so that ~~said reading element reads the sheet, and said motor causes~~
~~said scanner to travel~~ and said scanner reads an original guided by said roller independently
driven by said motor in a case where said scanner is detached from said an image forming
apparatus for use, ~~so that said reading element reads a sheet.~~ and wherein a surface of said

scanner on which said reading element is provided faces to said an image forming apparatus in
a case where said scanner is mounted on said an image forming apparatus; so that a sheet
transporting path is ~~defined by~~ made between a surface of said an image forming apparatus
which ~~faces to said surface of said scanner~~, and said surface of said scanner.

47. (Canceled).

¹⁰ 48. (Currently Amended) A scanner according to claim ⁹ 46,

wherein said scanner can be attached to and detached from said an image forming
apparatus, said an image forming apparatus being a printer.

¹¹ 49. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

an image forming apparatus including a sheet accommodating part accommodating a
plurality of sheets; and

a scanner apparatus including a reading element and a roller, being which is removably
mounted on said an image forming apparatus, reading being read by said reading element;

a sheet which is delivered from said sheet accommodating part by said roller in a case
where said scanner is mounted on said an image forming apparatus, and reading being read by
said reading element ~~said sheet~~ while said roller is rotated in contact with a surface of said sheet
which is read by said reading element in a case where said scanner is detached from said an
image forming apparatus, wherein said motor actuates said roller to transport a sheet in a case

where said scanner is mounted on said image forming apparatus, and said scanner reads an original guided by said roller driven by said motor in a case where said scanner is detached from said image forming apparatus.

¹² 50. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim ¹¹ 49,

wherein said roller of said scanner apparatus and a sheet reading surface of said reading element are provided at a same side of said scanner apparatus, and a surface of said scanner apparatus on which said roller and said sheet reading surface of said reading element are provided constitutes a part of a sheet guide guiding said sheet delivered from said sheet accommodating part in a case where said scanner is mounted on said an image forming apparatus.

¹³ 51. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim ¹¹ 49, wherein said roller of said scanner apparatus is a pick roller, and said apparatus has a sheet separating member faced to said pick roller of said scanner apparatus in a case where said scanner apparatus is mounted on said an image forming apparatus.

¹⁴ 52. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:
an a unit including a motor, a roller driven by said motor and a processing reading unit performing processing for a sheet; and
an image forming apparatus on which said unit is removably mounted, wherein said

5 motor ~~drives~~ actuates said roller and thereby transports said sheet in a case where said unit is mounted on said image forming apparatus, so that said processing unit performs processing for reading of a sheet, and said motor ~~drives~~ actuates said roller and thereby causes said unit to travel on an original by self-running in a case where said unit is detached from said image forming apparatus for use, so that said processing unit performs processing reading for a sheet
10 an original.

53. (Canceled).

54. (Currently Amended) A first unit which is capable of being removably mounted on a second unit, said first unit comprising:

a processing unit performing processing for a sheet;

a motor; and

5 a roller, wherein said motor ~~drives~~ actuates said roller and thereby transports the said sheet in a case where said first unit is mounted on said second unit, so that said processing unit performs processing for reading of a sheet, and said motor ~~drives~~ actuates said roller and thereby causes said first unit to travel on an original by self-running in a case where said first unit is detached from said second unit for use, so that said processing unit performs processing
10 for a sheet said original.

55. (Canceled).

14 56. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a base unit including a sheet accommodating part accommodating a plurality of sheets;

and

E 5 a scanner apparatus including a reading element and a roller, being removably mounted
E on said image forming apparatus unit, reading by said reading element a sheet which wherein
A said motor actuates said roller to transport a sheet in a case where said scanner mounted on said
A image forming apparatus, and said scanner reads an original guided by said roller driven by said
motor in a case where said scanner is detached from said image forming apparatus; and said
sheet is delivered from said sheet accommodating part by said roller in a case where said
10 scanner is mounted on said base unit, and reading by said reading element said sheet while said
roller travels said scanner in a case where said scanner is detached from said base unit.

17 57. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 56, wherein the said sheet
accommodating part accommodates said plurality of sheets in a incline substantially vertical
direction.

18 58. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 56, wherein a surface of
said scanner on which said reading element is provided faces to said base in a case where said
scanner is mounted on said base; so that a sheet transporting path is defined by made between
a surface of said base which faces to said surface of said scanner, image forming apparatus, and
5 said surface of said scanner.

19 59. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 56¹⁶, wherein a first sheet transporting path is formed substantially vertically to allow said reading element to read said sheet in a case where said scanner is mounted on said base, said base includes a second sheet transporting path extending substantially vertically, said base performs a processing for a sheet traveling traveling along said second sheet transporting path, and said first sheet transporting path being arranged along said second sheet transporting path.

D 1 20 60. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 56¹⁶, wherein said scanner has a motor and said motor drives actuates said roller and thereby transports a sheet in a case where said scanner is mounted on said base unit, so that said reading element reads the said sheet, and said motor drives actuates said roller ~~and thereby causes said scanner to travel in a case where said scanner is detached from said base unit, so that said reading element reads a sheet.~~

21 61. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 56¹⁶, wherein a projecting member is provided in a manner projecting at a side of on said surface of said scanner for protecting said roller in a case where said scanner is detached from said base unit for use runs by itself.

22 62. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 56¹⁶, wherein said roller of said scanner apparatus and a sheet reading surface of said reading element are provided at a

5 same side of said scanner apparatus, and a surface of said scanner apparatus on which said roller and said sheet reading surface of said reading element are provided constitutes a part of a sheet guide guiding said sheet delivered from said sheet accommodating part in a case where said scanner is mounted on said base unit.

23 63. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 56, wherein said roller of said scanner apparatus is a pick roller, and said apparatus has a sheet separating member faced to said pick roller of said scanner apparatus in a case where said scanner apparatus is mounted on said base unit.

24 64. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 56, wherein said base unit is an image forming apparatus.

25 65. (Currently Amended) A scanner apparatus comprising:
a reading element; and
a roller, wherein said scanner is removably mounted on a base unit including a sheet accommodating part accommodating a plurality of sheets in a substantially vertical direction and reads by said reading element a sheet which is delivered from said sheet accommodating part driven by said roller in a case where said scanner is mounted on said base unit, and reads by said reading element said sheet while said roller travels said scanner with self-running on an original and reads said original by said reading element in a case where said scanner is detached from

said base unit.

66. (Canceled).

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67. (Currently Amended) A scanner according to claim 65, wherein a surface of said scanner on which said reading element is provided faces to said base in a case where said scanner is mounted on said base; so that a sheet transporting path is defined by made between a surface of said base which faces to said surface of said scanner, image forming apparatus, and said surface of said scanner.

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68. (Previously Presented) A scanner according to claim 65, wherein a first sheet transporting path is formed substantially vertically to allow said reading element to read said sheet in a case where said scanner is mounted on said base, said base includes a second sheet transporting path extending substantially vertically, said base performs a processing for a sheet traveling along said second sheet transporting path, and said first sheet transporting path being arranged along said second sheet transporting path.

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69. (Currently Amended) A scanner according to claim 65, wherein said scanner has a motor and said motor drives actuates said roller and thereby transport a sheet in a case where said scanner is mounted on said base unit, so that said reading element reads the said sheet, and said motor drives actuates said roller and thereby causes said scanner to travel in a case where

5 ~~said scanner is detached from said base unit, so that said reading element reads a sheet.~~

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70. (Currently Amended) A scanner apparatus according to claim 65, wherein a projecting member is provided in a manner projecting at a side of on said surface of said scanner for protecting said roller in a case where said scanner is ~~detached from said base unit for use~~ runs by itself.

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71. (Previously Presented) A scanner apparatus according to claim 65, wherein said roller of said scanner apparatus and a sheet reading surface of said reading element are provided at a same side of said scanner apparatus, and a surface of said scanner apparatus on which said roller and said sheet reading surface of said reading element are provided constitutes a part of a sheet guide guiding said sheet delivered from said sheet accommodating part in a case where said scanner is mounted on said base unit.

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72. (Previously Presented) A scanner according to claim 65, wherein said roller of said scanner apparatus is a pick roller, and said apparatus has a sheet separating member faced to said pick roller of said scanner apparatus in a case where said scanner apparatus is mounted on said base unit.

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73. (Previously Presented) A scanner according to claim 65, wherein said base unit is an image forming apparatus.